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**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Ghrelin-Carrier Conjugates**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$225.00 to cover: Extension of Time;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
3. Supplemental Reply to Office Action and Reply to Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.145); and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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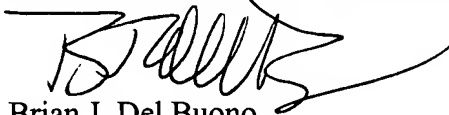
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